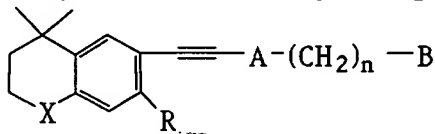


ABSTRACT

Retinoid-like activity is exhibited by compounds of the formula



where X is S, O, or NR' where R' is hydrogen or lower alkyl; R is hydrogen or lower alkyl; A is pyridyl, thienyl, furyl, pyridazinyl, pyrimidinyl or pyrazinyl; n is 0-2; and B is H, -COOH or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester or amide thereof, -CH₂OH or an ether or ester derivative, or -CHO or an acetal derivative, or -COR₁ or a ketal derivative where R₁ is -(CH₂)_mCH₃ where m is 0-4, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.